

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 318

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Wes Williams on his success as coach of the Boyd Buchanan School wrestling team during his continuing battle with ALS.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we should acknowledge and applaud those community leaders who are wholly devoted to enhancing the quality of life for their fellow citizens and improving and enriching the place they all call home; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Wes Williams, who has distinguished himself as a citizen of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, as coach of the Boyd Buchanan School wrestling team, Mr. Williams laid the foundation for the program, which now boasts the 2022 duals championship title and a roster of accoladed wrestlers trained well under Mr. Williams's pedagogy; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and has now lost most of his mobility and his ability to speak, relying on a computer program to communicate; and

WHEREAS, courageously pressing forward through these difficulties, Mr. Williams continues to coach the Boyd Buchanan wrestling team through his inspiring words and depth of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Wes Williams attended Boyd Buchanan School but transferred to Ringgold Middle School for its wrestling program; he returned to Boyd Buchanan School in 1999 to build a program that would attract young wrestlers like his past self; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams's family, including his sons, Zane and Tate, is the backbone of the Boyd Buchanan wrestling team, and it is through Mr. Williams's heroic example that his children have faced adversity and conquered in wrestling and in life; and

WHEREAS, throughout his laudable career, Mr. Williams has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, his wrestlers, and his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Wes Williams for his innumerable contributions to the Boyd Buchanan School wrestling team and his continued battle with ALS as we extend to him our best wishes in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.